



1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois  
3 congratulate Rotary International on its 100th anniversary;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, To celebrate Rotary's centennial anniversary, the  
6 organization is taking time to reflect on all its  
7 accomplishments over the years; throughout 2005, there will be  
8 several events and volunteer efforts that will carry on the  
9 spirit of service to the community that began so many years  
10 ago; and

11 WHEREAS, Rotary International was established in Chicago  
12 on February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris; Mr. Harris founded  
13 Rotary International with the mission of promoting benevolence  
14 amongst club members and the community; as Rotary International  
15 began to expand, so did its mission of service to the  
16 community; with a motto of "Service Above Self", they inspire  
17 members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high  
18 ethical standards, and promote good will and peace throughout  
19 the world; and

20 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation, a not-for-profit  
21 organization, was formed in 1928 for the purpose of funding the  
22 many projects sponsored by Rotary International; today,  
23 contributions to the foundation total more than \$80 million  
24 annually; this money supports a wide range of programs that  
25 enable citizens of the world to function better within their  
26 communities; and

27 WHEREAS, In 1985, Rotary International began one of its  
28 most ambitious missions, and that was to eradicate the world of  
29 polio; through their program, Polio Plus, they coordinated with  
30 the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control  
31 and Prevention, and UNICEF to provide polio immunizations to

1 children around the world; and

2 WHEREAS, Rotary International has grown exponentially over  
3 the last 100 years; from its humble beginnings in Chicago to a  
4 worldwide organization, Rotary now boasts 1.2 million members  
5 who belong to over 31,000 clubs in more than 165 countries; in  
6 Illinois alone, there are 14,500 Rotary members in 330  
7 different clubs; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Rotary  
10 International on the occasion of its 100 year anniversary, and  
11 we encourage all citizens to be cognizant of the many great  
12 services this organization provides to people throughout the  
13 world; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Rotary International as an expression of our  
16 respect and esteem.